



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Cannington Parish Council at
7.00pm on Tuesday 13th September 2016 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES DRAFT

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Kym Carpenter, Dawn Horrobin, Rob Morgan, Alan Beasley, David Greenslade, Robin Phipps and Andrew Vickery

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Council: Ian Dyer and Ann Bown

Clerk: Tina Gardener

Members of the public: 4

Public Session

Questions were raised on the progress of the traffic calming. The notes from the meeting held on 3rd August 2016 will be publicised.

A recent survey showed 106 vehicles travelling along Rodway compared to 50 vehicles along the bypass during the same period.

Concerns have been raised that the cooking smells from the Indian Restaurant are more obvious than expected.

Council Session

01/09/16 Apologies for Absence were accepted from Cllr Jack Popham and SCC Cllr John Edney

02/09/16 Declarations of Members Interests SDC Cllr Ian Dyer declared an interest in planning application 13/16/00036.

03/09/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th July 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2016 were agreed.

04/09/16 Matters Arising

- 05/07/16 Lengthsman. Cllr Andrew Vickery and SDC Cllr Ian Dyer had looked into the lengthsman and recommended that we do not pursue it. This was proposed by Cllr Mike Phillips, seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed by a majority. Cllr David Greenslade abstained.
- 05/07/16 Traffic calming. A meeting was held in August with Andy Coupe and Installation Engineer from SCC. There are no funds available from SCC and we should try the CIM fund. SCC would come up with a brief shortly.
- 05/07/16 Skate Park. We are still waiting confirmation from Brymore Academy that the land in High Street is available.
- 05/07/16 Planning committee – terms of reference. On-going.
- 05/07/16 Bus Shelter. A meeting was held with SCC Highways to determine the suitability to place a shelter at the junction of Southbrook and Main Road. Waiting for Homes in Sedgemoor to confirm the boundary of their property in Main Road.
- 06/07/16 Bowling Green – The Heads of Terms for land transfer of Bowling Green from SDC to the Parish Council were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Kym Carpenter proposed to accept these terms. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed unanimously. The legal fees will be approximately £1700.
- 05/07/16 The well in Chads Hill has now been refurbished. Need to consider whether the planting of flowers would be appropriate.
- 05/07/16 Aly Prowse has been appointed as the new Deputy Clerk from 1st September 2016.
- 05/07/16 The review of Risk Assessments has now been completed.
- 09/07/16 Future plans for Black Poplar. This will be discussed at the next Jubilee Gardens Meeting.
- 10/07/16 Trees – Arboriculture Survey and Tree warden. We are still waiting for the updated Arboriculture Study and hoping to appoint a tree warden shortly.

05/09/16 Planning matters

Planning Applications processed since the last meeting

The following applications were received after the July 2016 meeting and needed responses before this meeting. They were advertised on the village notice boards and website and no comments from the public were received.

- 13/16/00025/DD** – Erection of 2.4m high palisade fencing to northern, southern and eastern boundaries on land to the north of The Downs, Rodway, Cannington for Bridgwater College. The Council had no observations.
- 13/16/00027/CW**- Listed Building Consent - Landscaping works to rear garden of Henry Rogers Almshouse, 8 High street, Cannington. Subsequently withdrawn.
- 13/16/00030/CW** - Landscaping works to rear garden of Henry Rogers Almshouse, 8 High street, Cannington. The Council supports this application.

New planning applications

1. **13/16/00028/STP** – Notice of Proposed Agricultural Development. Raising of ground levels to effect agricultural land improvement and provide agricultural land at Wembdon Marsh, Chilton Trinity for Perry Green Farms.
2. **13/16/00031/STP** – Erection of 4 dwellings and garages on site of 2 existing cottages (to be demolished) and formation of access at 4 and 6 Gurney Street for MJT Building and Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr Rob Morgan to oppose the application as the bedroom windows on the proposed building directly overlook the windows to the existing property. This was seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin and agreed by a majority.
3. **13/16/00032/SH** – Installation of replacement windows, nine to front (SE) elevation, three to side (SW) elevation and five to rear at 30 High Street, Cannington for Punch Taverns. After discussions Cllr Mike Phillips proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr David Greenslade and agreed by a majority.
4. **13/16/00033** Screening opinion – EIA Screening opinion for proposed cycleway between Cannington and Sandford (county matter) for SCC Engineering Design Team. Decision not required.
5. **13/16/00035/DD** – Change of use of barn to dwelling at Rices Farm, Blackmore Farm, Cannington, TA5 2NF for Mr & Mrs A Vickery. After discussion Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to offer no observations. This was seconded by Cllr Rob Morgan and agreed unanimously.
6. **13/16/00036/SJH** – Conversion of loft to form additional holiday accommodation at Blackmore Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington, TA5 2NE. After discussions Cllr Andrew Vickery proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Carpenter and agreed unanimously.
7. **13/16/00037/JAB** – Copper beech crown reduction (height and spread) by 20%. Fell 1 no false Acacia at Mulberry Cottage, 8 Church Street, Cannington TA5 2HA for Mrs S Wand. After discussions Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support this application. This was seconded by Cllr Kym Carpenter and agreed unanimously.
8. **13/16/00038/CW** – Application to remove condition 11 and vary condition 3 of planning permission 13/15/00037 to remove the words 'complete demolition of the conservatory' at Beere Manor, Cannington, TA5 2PW for Mr R Coggins. After discussions Cllr David Greenslade proposed to offer no observations. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.
9. **13/16/00039/CW** Listed Building Consent – Retention of conservatory to south elevation at Beere Manor, Cannington, TA5 2PW for M R Coggins. After discussions Cllr David Greenslade proposed to offer no observations. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.
10. **28/16/00002/DT** – Erection of agricultural building and track at Heathfield Farm, Bonson Hill, Fiddington, TA5 1JD for Mr D Buller. This application is within Fiddington Parish but borders with Cannington Parish. After discussions Cllr Robin Phipps proposed to offer no observations. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

Planning applications decided

1. **13/16/00014/RM** – Erection of buildings to form training, teaching, welfare and recreation facilities for the National College for Nuclear (South) at Cannington Centre, Rodway Hill, Cannington, TA5 2LS for Bridgwater College. **Permission granted.**
2. **13/16/00017/DD** – Change of use and conversion of barns to dwellings at Rices Farm, Blackmore Lane, Cannington, TA5 2NF for Mr & Mrs A Vickery. **Application withdrawn.**
3. **13/16/00018/RM** – Outline Planning Permission. Erection of four buildings to form student residences at Cannington Centre, Rodway Hill, Cannington, TA5 2LS for Bridgwater College. **Permission granted.**
4. **13/16/00022/RM** – Change of use and conversion of classrooms to storage of maintenance equipment and facilities at Bridgwater College, Cannington Centre. **Permission granted.**
5. **13/16/00023/DT** – Outline Planning Permission. Erection of dwelling on land to the north of Quantock Lodge, Quantock Road, Bridgwater TA5 2AY for Mr J Stuckey. **Application withdrawn.**
6. **13/16/00024/DT** – Application for non-material minor change to planning permission 13/16/00003 to amend the size of first floor window in SW (front) elevation at 17 Main Road, Cannington, TA5 2JN. **Permission granted.**
7. **13/16/00025/DD** – Erection of 2.4m high palisade fencing to northern, southern and eastern boundaries on land to the north of The Downs, Rodway, Cannington for Bridgwater College. **Permission granted.**
8. **13/16/00026/CW** – Installation of 3 hanging signs on existing wall brackets on part of wall at Cannington Court, Fore Street, Cannington for Bridgwater College. **Permission granted.**
9. **13/16/00027/-** Listed Building Consent - Landscaping works to rear garden of Henry Rogers Almshouse, 8 High street, Cannington. **Application withdrawn.**
10. **13/19/00028/SP** - Notice of Proposed Agricultural Development. Raising of ground levels to effect agricultural land improvement and provide agricultural land at Wembdon Marsh, Chilton Trinity for Perry Green Farms. **Formal application not required.**

06/09/16 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** – The following cheques were approved for payment;

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	Amount
Additional payments made since the last meeting: -			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00)	S/O	£250.00
Simon Frost	Child of Cannington lettering	003084	£25.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for July 2016	003085	£600.34
Paul Allen	IT maintenance for June and July and laptop encryption	003086	£200.00
SRYP	Service Level Agreement for Youth Club April to September	003087	£2,500.00
EDF	Electricity for pavilion 3 rd February to 10 th August 2016	003088	£75.38
Mike Phillips	Repairs to shower and toilet in pavilion	003089	£37.86

Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for July 2016	003090	£935.96
Edward J Hillman	Fencing for Bowling Green	003091	£10,970.00
Mark Bacon	Repairs to well in Chads Hill	003092	£355.00
The following payments are due;			
Cannington Village Hall	Insurance excess re replacement locks and keys	003093	£25.00
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for August 2016	003094	£600.34
Ball Fire Protection	Pavilion fire extinguisher service	003095	£62.10
Wollens	Keys cut for pavilion	003096	£32.76
Community Council for Somerset	Annual membership	003097	£40.00
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for August 2016	003098	£935.96
Tina Gardener	Postage, refreshments, stationery and mileage	003099	£132.97
Pardoes	Fees on account for Bowling Green transfer	003100	£600.00
Cannington in Bloom	Donation for Front Garden Competition (minute 07/09/16)	003101	£150.00
Cancelled		003102	
Pardoes	Fees on account for SDC legal fees for Bowling Green	003103	£600.00
Sedgemoor CAB	Donation (minute 09/09/16)	003104	£150.00

2. **The accounts** for July and August 2016 were previously circulated to all Councillors and agreed as a true record. The current balance is £69,015.72
3. **The Budget Statement** for August 2016 was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
4. **Amend Bank Signatories.** The forms have now been completed and ready to take to the bank.
5. **Review and plan long term.** This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance and Staffing Committee to be held shortly.

07/09/16 Grant requests

Cannington in Bloom – has requested £150 for the front gardens competition which was supported by Councillors
Cannington PCC – has requested £1,000 towards the costs of upgrading the church tower clock. This had previously been agreed in the April 2016 meeting (minute 07/04/16) subject to a grant application form being received and the remainder of the costs sourced.

08/09/16 Flood Alleviation scheme – deed of transfer

It was proposed by Cllr Rob Morgan. Seconded by Cllr Dawn Horrobin and agreed unanimously that the Chairman could sign the deed to transfer the balance in the flood bank account to Environment Agency.

09/09/16 Correspondence

1. SCC – Listening, Learning, Changing – Survey. This had been circulated to all Councillors for comment and the Clerk will collate the comments and respond to SCC.
2. Avon and Somerset Police – Policing Priorities Consultation. This has now been completed.
3. Bossington Farm Consultancy Service – Enforcement Undertaking for Cannington Enterprises. Various pollution offences occurred in late 2013 and early 2014. As part of the EU; the company had offered 25K towards the flood relief channel; this is in addition to their original contribution of 15K. This additional 25K was to compensate the local community for any damage caused by the Company. The EA has now decided that the company's offer of 25K to the flood channel could be construed as a bribe and therefore the Company has to find another 'worthy' local cause that has some environmental outcome. A village landscaping proposal would be acceptable to the EA i.e. tree/hedge planting, community orchard as this increases bio diversity, captures carbon etc. The money can be used for both capital and ongoing maintenance. After discussions Councillors were in favour of accepting the £25K for the proposals outlined above. The areas for landscaping would be trees (£4,800) and hedging (£2,100) at the Cemetery, hedge in Jubilee Gardens (£4,200), hedge in Bowling Green (£1,800), trees on north boundary of Rodway Playing Fields (£4,800) and trees and shrubs on land adjacent to the new development adjacent to Southbrook (£2,300). This leaves £5,000 for future hedge maintenance. Most projects would be expected to be completed in 2 years. This was proposed by Cllr Kym Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed unanimously.
4. NHS Health checks. Request to hold health checks for people aged between 40 and 74 in the village. The Clerk has checked that Cannington Health Centre doesn't offer these checks. Councillors thought this was a good idea and the Clerk will make enquiries.
5. Scott Mason SDC – RLT2 & RLT3. A letter was received from Scott Mason detailing how to apply for the RLT2 & RLT3 funds. Cannington currently has a balance of £9645 to spend on RLT2.
6. SDC – Public Footpath Diversion Order 2016 – for BW5/22 and BW5/23
7. Somerset Waste Partnership – From 3rd October 2016 there will be restrictions placed on vehicles using the recycling centres. Cars towing a trailer must apply for a free permit which can be obtained at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/permits
8. Sedgemoor CAB – A donation request has been received, in the past we have donated between £100 and £150. Cllr Dawn Horrobin proposed we should donate £150 this was seconded by Cllr Rob Morgan and agreed unanimously.
9. SDC – Annual services and facilities survey has been received and circulated to all Councillors. There were a couple of minor adjustments which the Clerk will notify SDC.
10. NALC – A Community Led Housing Survey has been received which the Clerk will complete.
11. Ms Nightingale - A letter regarding her allotment has been received, the plot numbers have been mixed up due to an administrative error. The Clerk will respond and get the plot numbers altered. The remaining contents of her letter regarding the Cannington Landscape Plan have been noted.

10/09/16 Reports

Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments - Clerk
- b. Brook – Cllr David Greenslade

- c. Cannington in Bloom – Cllr Kym Carpenter. The blue village information signs on the approach to the village are being replaced, once done the Cannington in Bloom signs can be attached. They would like to put planters on the brook area of the Jubilee Gardens.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr Alan Beasley reported that moles were becoming a problem in the Cemetery. Greenslades Grounds Maintenance has been instructed to clear the overgrown graves. The Yew trees will need some attention and tying back. The Clerk will arrange for some quotes for this work.
- e. College – Chairman Colin Allen attended a meeting on 12th September 2016. Among items discussed were; A planning application will be raised shortly for a barrier to the car park for the Walled Gardens and Cannington Court. Concerns from a resident were made regarding the overgrown footpath along Rodway and the leaves on footpaths around the College. The Parish Council is concerned about the state of the Court House adjacent to the Walled Gardens. A suggestion was made that the College could give up part of its frontage with the High Street for a public car park. The College has now merged with Taunton College and will be known as the Bridgwater and Taunton College. Complaints have been received regarding the state of the east roundabout maintained by Bridgwater College. The annual meeting with the College will be held on 29th November 2016 at 6.30pm
- f. Community Orchard – Cllr Robin Phipps reported that the work is on-going and will continue until Christmas.
- g. Emergency Planning including flooding
- h. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Andrew Vickery reported that the Japanese Knot weed needs treating and a wooden post has been knocked down. A Jubilee Gardens committee will be arranged shortly.
- i. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr Mike Phillips reported that the electrical testing has been completed and the fire extinguishers have been serviced. Quotes will be obtained for repairs to the fencing and gate. Enquiries will be made to see if this can be financed from the RLT2 funds held.
- j. Somerset Association of Local Clerks – The Deputy Clerk will be attending the AGM to be held on 17th September 2016.
- k. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring - In July and August there were 22 speed watch outings. Out of 2,777 vehicle movements there were 106 speeders. The top speed recorded was 51mph.
- l. Village Hall – Cllr David Greenslade
- m. Youth - Cllr Jack Popham

Other Reports

1. Neighbourhood Plan – The steering group are working on the comments received about the draft plan.
2. Flood Alleviation Scheme – A meeting was held with Team Van Oord (contractors) on 7th September 2016. Work is progressing well and is still on schedule. It is proposed that the A39 will be closed from 1900 on 8th October to 1900 on 9th October 2016 to allow the temporary bridge to be removed. Concerns about ground water at the top end need to be addressed. A sweetening flow pipe may need to be installed to keep the flow in the brook the other side of the bypass.
3. Highways and Parking Issues – A resident in Brook Street has requested residents only parking. There are continuing concerns regarding the lack of parking throughout Cannington. Somerset County Council Highways propose to carry out works in Marsh lane to improve drainage and to improve the run off from the new bypass. Concerns have been expressed as this may compromise the new Flood Alleviation Scheme. The Environment Agency and its contractor are investigating this.
4. Cannington Court has asked whether it would be possible to install gym equipment in the Pavilion at Rodway Playing Fields for use by Cannington Court and residents of Cannington. Concerns were raised that this would restrict the use of the Pavilion.
5. Transport Forum – The next meeting will be held on 20th October 2016

Matters of Report

A technical workshop on the Bridgwater Tidal Barrier will be held on 15th September 2016
 SDC Annual Parish meeting to be held on 22nd September 2016
 SDC Planning training to be held on 12th and 18th October 2016

11/09/16 Items for the next meeting

12/09/16 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th October 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed Date